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SUBJECT: SOVIET SHIP VISITS TO GREECE

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1. AS PROJECTED, ACTING CJUSMAGG MET BRIEFLY WITH DEFMIN AVEROFF APRIL 21 AND MADE POINTS OUTLINED IN PARA 3, REF B. AVEROFF EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AT RECEIPT OF INFORMATION, EXPRESSED INTEREST IN AGI CAPABILITY, AND STATED THAT ANY TELEPHONE CALL TO CHARGE WOULD BE MADE BY FONMIN BITSIOS RATHER THAN BY HIMSELF. UPON AVEROFF'S DEPARTURE FOR A CABINET MEETING, ACTING CJUSMAGG CONTINUED DISCUSSION WITH DEFMIN'S NAVAL AIDE AS SUGGESTED BY AVEROFF. NAVAL AIDE SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED REQUEST FOR SHIP VISITS FROM SOVIET EMBASSY ON MARCH 26 BUT THAT MINISTRY OF
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DEFENSE NOT INFORMED UNTIL APRIL 14. HE ALSO NOTED THAT

REASON FOR VISIT GIVEN BY SOVIET EMBASSY WAS TO GIVE CREWS TIME ASHORE DURING GREEK EASTER SO THAT THEY MIGHT "SHARE IN OBSERVANCES", (SIC) AND ADDED THAT ROUTINE LOGISTICAL REQUESTS NOT YET RECEIVED FROM SOVIET UNITS. NAVAL AIDE NOTED THAT AVEROFF NEEDED INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ACTING CJUSMAGG FOR USE AT CABINET MEETING, AND UNDERTOOK TO INFORM LATTER OF GOG ACTION RE PENDING SOVIET VISIT REQUEST AFTERNOON OF SAME DAY TO FACILITATE U.S. ACTION TO ALERT U.S. COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES.

2. NAVAL AIDE LATER TELEPHONED ACTING CJUSMAGG TO INFORM HIM THAT GOG WAS GRANTING PERMISSION FOR VISITS TO PIRAEUS, AS REQUESTED. HE ALSO STATED THAT GOG WAS ALERTING GREEK TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES TO IMPENDING PRESENCE OF SOVIET SHIPS.

3. AS OF DTG THIS MESSAGE, FOREIGN MINISTER HAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CHARGE ABOUT THIS MATTER. SINCE DECISION TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR VISITS HAS APPARENTLY BEEN TAKEN, WE DOUBT HE WILL DO SO. SHOULD HE DO SO, HOWEVER, CHARGE WILL MAKE POINTS OUTLINED LAST PARA REF B.
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